



Reference No. 6.27

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES, APRIL 1975

MAIN FEATURES

- In April 1975 there were 256 industrial disputes involving 290,900 employees and resulting in a loss of 416,300 working days.

The main disputes in April involved –

- Water supply, etc. employees in New South Wales. (Claim for increased wages, etc.).
- Metal trades employees in most States. (Claim for increased wages).
- Hospital employees in Victoria. (Claim for increased wages).

EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bulletin contains statistics of industrial disputes for the month of April 1975 and some previous periods. More information about these disputes will appear later in the detailed quarterly bulletin *Industrial Disputes* (Reference No. 6.6).

2. The statistics of industrial disputes are compiled according to the Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC), described in the Bureau publication *Australian Standard Industrial Classification (Preliminary Edition)*, 1969, Vol. 1. Statistics on this basis are published in *Labour Report* No. 58, 1973 (Reference No. 6.7).

3. The statistics of industrial disputes refer only to disputes involving stoppages of work of ten man-days or more. Workers involved include workers directly and

indirectly involved in disputes. Workers indirectly involved are employees thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute. Particulars of some stoppages (e.g. those involving a large number of establishments) may be estimated and the statistics therefore should be regarded as giving a broad measure of the extent of stoppages of work (as defined).

4. Stoppages of work occurring at different times and at different establishments but due to the same cause may be regarded as one industrial dispute. However, an industrial dispute occurring in more than one State is counted as a separate dispute in each State. A dispute involving workers in more than one industry in a State or Territory is counted only once in the number of disputes – in the industry that has the largest number of workers involved; but workers involved, working days lost and estimated loss in wages are allocated to their respective industries. Disputes not settled at the end of a year are included as new disputes in the figures for the following year. The monthly statistics refer to all disputes operative in the month, including those disputes that commenced in previous months. In Table 1 details of the number of disputes and workers involved are shown separately for disputes beginning in the month and for all disputes. Average days lost per worker involved on a monthly basis are not comparable with the yearly averages, because workers involved are included in each month in which they are involved in disputes, while they are counted once only for each dispute in the annual figures. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

5. For statistics of industrial disputes for earlier periods see *Labour Report* No. 58, 1973 (Reference No. 6.7).

TABLE 1. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number of disputes		Workers involved ('000)		Working days lost		Estimated loss in wages (\$'000)
	Beginning in month	Total (a)	Beginning in month	Total (a)	Number (a) ('000)	Average days per worker involved (b)	
1969	..	2,014	..	1,285.2	1,958.0	1.5	22,987
1970	..	2,738	..	1,367.4	2,393.7	1.8	30,883
1971	..	2,404	..	1,326.5	3,068.6	2.3	45,243
1972	..	2,298	..	1,113.8	2,010.3	1.8	32,074
1973	..	2,538	..	803.0	2,634.7	3.3	45,206
1974	..	2,809	..	2,004.8	6,292.5	3.1	128,308
1974 -							
April	210	239	248.2	607.8	936.1	1.5	18,170
May	306	356	172.6	317.5	559.6	1.8	11,673
June	241	277	92.8	98.0	235.1	2.4	4,942
July	308	336	216.0	227.6	526.2	2.3	11,797
August	232	299	227.5	314.1	816.3	2.6	18,124
September	237	268	176.5	189.5	255.1	1.3	6,379
October	226	245	145.9	179.5	238.6	1.3	5,797
November	196	216	72.7	75.4	161.8	2.1	3,732
December	126	139	60.0	63.4	80.5	1.3	2,445
1975 -							
January	158	158	29.9	29.9	36.9	1.2	953
February	237	252	65.1	67.7	116.7	1.7	2,999
March	182	211	70.7	81.7	169.1	2.1	4,628
April (c)	246	256	288.7	290.9	416.3	1.4	11,144

(a) Refers to all disputes operative and workers involved in the period - see paragraph 4, page 1. (b) Monthly figures are not comparable with yearly figures - see paragraph 4, page 1. (c) Subject to revision.

TABLE 2. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : INDUSTRIES (a), AUSTRALIA
WORKING DAYS LOST ('000) (b)

Period	Manufacturing					Transport and storage; communication			
	Mining		Metal products, machinery and equipment (c)	Other	Constru- ction	Steve- doring services	Other	Other industries	All industries
	Coal	Other							
1969	76.1	76.9	643.6	267.1	264.4	136.2	286.4	207.3	1,958.0
1970	178.4	76.5	625.9	440.9	618.3	148.3	156.7	148.8	2,393.7
1971	251.6	83.2	636.7	317.7	1,109.5	73.9	300.1	295.9	3,068.6
1972	60.8	62.0	620.2	393.7	407.8	39.2	205.2	221.3	2,010.3
1973	87.5	155.3	800.8	661.4	439.3	49.5	93.2	347.6	2,634.7
1974	163.0	146.5	2,850.8	756.7	1,188.7	111.1	516.2	559.4	6,292.5
1974 -									
April	28.1	5.4	356.4	23.5	422.0	39.5	4.3	56.9	936.1
May	4.6	31.5	108.4	36.5	229.2	7.3	21.1	120.9	559.6
June	2.1	3.5	36.0	69.9	31.4	8.0	48.3	35.9	235.1
July	8.0	8.5	45.9	203.3	128.4	5.3	64.5	62.2	526.2
August	7.5	14.0	138.9	208.3	81.9	3.1	306.8	55.7	816.3
September	3.2	23.1	30.2	50.1	47.0	6.8	10.6	84.2	255.1
October	4.6	18.9	41.7	48.4	68.7	7.1	13.2	36.0	238.6
November	31.3	11.3	25.5	15.7	12.7	7.5	21.8	35.9	161.8
December	7.7	6.9	2.5	3.9	29.5	1.5	15.5	13.0	80.5
1975 -									
January	2.2	4.0	6.2	7.1	2.9	4.7	1.6	8.2	36.9
February	5.0	5.2	26.3	24.0	23.9	2.3	2.2	27.8	116.7
March	8.1	1.3	40.0	22.3	50.4	2.0	7.8	37.2	169.1
April (d)	10.9	7.3	116.4	24.4	45.1	3.6	13.5	195.1	416.3

(a) Australian Standard Industrial Classification - see paragraph 2, page 1. (b) Refers to all disputes operative in the period - see paragraph 4, page 1. (c) Includes ASIC sub-divisions 29, 31, 32, 33. (d) Subject to revision.

TABLE 3. — INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES
WORKING DAYS LOST ('000) (a)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
1969	743.8	717.2	238.6	129.0	101.4	9.9	1,958.0
1970	1,393.6	510.8	179.2	93.1	141.1	32.2	2,393.7
1971	1,887.5	689.6	271.4	111.2	69.4	20.6	3,068.6
1972	866.8	638.4	292.2	60.9	94.6	19.2	2,010.3
1973	1,098.1	780.5	320.2	130.6	117.3	140.1	2,634.7
1974	2,665.0	2,386.6	529.5	316.5	256.9	88.5	6,292.5
1973 —							
January	32.8	11.2	4.1	2.6	7.9	19.1	82.1
February	87.0	86.6	16.7	14.7	7.7	33.5	248.4
March	110.0	47.4	18.8	15.2	10.2	28.5	231.7
April	42.9	92.8	18.2	5.7	11.7	9.5	192.0
May	125.6	94.2	56.2	7.9	7.2	12.4	304.3
June	158.5	91.1	75.6	3.0	8.7	18.8	363.7
July	90.8	102.0	17.1	4.2	9.2	1.6	225.0
August	113.0	33.7	42.8	7.1	15.7	2.5	218.6
September	91.2	83.2	25.1	6.8	4.3	0.2	215.9
October	110.3	87.3	14.9	15.3	12.9	1.8	245.2
November	125.2	44.6	27.4	23.3	21.0	8.5	257.9
December	10.8	6.5	3.4	24.7	0.8	3.6	49.8
1974 —							
January	30.9	7.5	6.4	1.3	5.9	0.2	53.6
February	253.4	125.7	13.2	16.1	5.0	1.1	418.1
March	1,063.1	728.0	45.8	99.1	8.6	54.1	2,011.3
April	351.4	454.8	67.2	37.2	16.8	5.2	936.1
May	252.0	189.1	44.3	52.2	11.4	4.4	559.6
June	108.7	94.4	7.3	7.4	12.1	3.0	235.1
July	117.3	214.7	136.2	37.8	11.8	4.6	526.2
August	215.0	400.2	127.7	34.6	28.9	1.5	816.3
September	116.7	73.9	25.2	18.4	17.7	1.4	255.1
October	46.3	49.2	19.7	6.3	105.5	11.3	238.6
November	69.0	31.5	27.2	5.2	25.3	1.4	161.8
December	41.3	17.6	9.4	1.0	7.9	0.1	80.5
1975 —							
January	15.1	7.5	7.1	3.1	4.0	0.1	36.9
February	54.5	15.8	32.6	4.3	6.0	0.4	116.7
March	119.6	18.9	24.0	2.6	1.6	0.5	169.1
April (c)	281.6	91.4	16.2	5.2	9.7	1.9	416.3

(a) Refers to all disputes operative in the period — see paragraph 4, page 1. (b) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Subject to revision.

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